

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, 20-35, and 37-38 are present in this application. Claims 1, 18, and 35 are independent. No claims have been canceled, added, or amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-14, 17-18, 20-28, 30-31, 34-35, and 37-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Yamamoto (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0008373) in view of Enokida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,335,746) in further view of Nakagiri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,301,656). Claims 12 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Yamamoto, Enokida, and Nakagiri in view of Aiyama (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0076245). Claims 15-16 and 32-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Yamamoto, Enokida, and Nakagiri in view of Menich (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0187632). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Argument: Features of claims 1, 18, and 35 not disclosed by cited prior art

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “said presentation unit presents alternative information in stages before completion of said outline presenting information creation process, said alternative information includes at least one of the following intermediate information under course of creation in said outline presenting information creation unit according to respective said outline presenting information creation process or another set of information, and said outline presenting information is presented by the presentation unit in place of said alternative information when said outline presenting information creation process is completed.” *Emphasis added.*

Therefore, one of the features of the claimed invention is to display not only information in the final stage but also information in the intermediate stage on a window of image data. This display of the information in the intermediate stage is aimed at relieving stress provided to the user by the processing time required to output the information in the final stage.

The Examiner acknowledges that Yamamoto fails to disclose at least the feature that “said presentation unit presents alternative information in stages before completion of said outline presenting information creation process, said alternative information includes at least one of the following intermediate information under course of creation in said outline presenting information creation unit according to respective said outline presenting information creation process or another set of information.” (See Office Action, page 3, lines 15-20). However, the Examiner relies on Nakagiri for allegedly disclosing that the information is displayed in both the intermediate stage and the final stage. (See Office Acton, line 21 of page 3 through line 8 of page 4.)

However, Nakagiri only discloses that “a previewer which is adapted to obtain layout information of the plurality of print jobs composed by said processor and to perform a simultaneous display of a preview image of the plurality of the intermediate code format data from the multiple applications before said processor generates the composed print data of the composed job, the preview image being edited in accordance with the respective layout information.” (See Nakagiri, col. 26, lines 57-63.)

Thus, in contrast to the claimed invention, Nakagiri (at most) discloses that the information in the final stage is printed on a print medium (*i.e.*, paper) and the information in the intermediate stage is previewed on the window. In other words, this display of information in the intermediate stage is aimed at merely checking a layout on the window before printing the information in the final stage on the print medium (paper).

Therefore, the Examiner failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness because Nakagiri fails to disclose that information is displayed in both the intermediate stage and the final stage. Further, while the Examiner does not rely on Enokida for these features, Enokida fails to make up for the deficiencies of Yamamoto and Nakagiri.

Independent claim 1 is submitted to be allowable over Yamamoto, Enokida, and Nakagiri for at least the above reasons.

Independent claims 18 and 35 are allowable for similar reasons as set forth above in reference to independent claim 1.

Dependent claims 3-17, 20-34, 37-38 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regards to the independent claims at least based on their dependency on the independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 3-18, 20-35, 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-18, 20-35, 37-38 are respectfully requested for at least the above reasons.

Conclusion

Therefore, for at least these reasons, all claims are believed to be distinguishable over the combination of Yamamoto, Enokida, and Nakagiri, individually or in any combination. It has been shown above that the cited references, individually or in combination, may not be relied upon to show at least these features. Therefore, claims 1, 3-18, 20-35, 37-38 are distinguishable over the cited references.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the pending application is in condition for allowance.

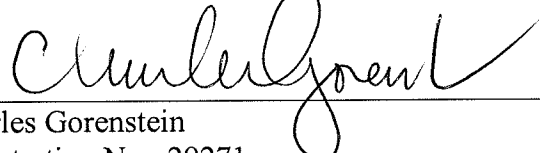
Applicants respectfully request that the pending application be allowed.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Aslan Ettehadieh (Reg. No. 62,278) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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